



Open Study College

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# OPEN STUDY COLLEGE A LEVEL PROSPECTUS

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# WELCOME TO OPEN STUDY COLLEGE

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We are delighted that you are considering joining us to study and take pleasure in welcoming you to our family.

Open Study College is one of the UK's leading distance learning colleges. We provide professionally recognised qualifications and courses that enable you to study at your own pace, in your own environment.

With distance learning, you are in control. Our unique study experience allows people like you to balance learning alongside your busy lifestyle, studying for as many or as little hours as you wish.

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You won't be alone throughout your study journey, we're here to support you every step of the way. You will have an experienced tutor on hand to answer any of your course-related questions, and our friendly student support team is only a telephone call away to help with any other queries you may have throughout your course.

We offer over 700 courses varying from accounting and childcare to beauty therapy and psychology, including 20 different A Level subjects. There is something for everyone! With people from around the world having already enrolled with us, we have helped thousands of people to improve their education and career prospects.



We pride ourselves on offering an excellent student experience, from enrolment and all the way throughout your studies. We're thrilled to say we have a 4.8 star rating on Trustpilot thanks to our many happy students, you can read some of our latest reviews here.

I hope you find a course that sparks your interest. We look forward to helping you to achieve your goals and ambitions.

Best wishes,

**Samantha Rutter**  
CEO, Open Study College



# ABOUT US

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Open Study College are a distance learning college committed to helping people achieve their personal or career goals. We understand that life is busy, that's why we offer all designed to study around your existing work and life commitments. As a family-founded college, we think of everyone as an extended member of our family. Our team, our tutors and most importantly our learners.

## OUR FAMILY STORY

Founded by father and daughter Mark and Samantha Rutter, with the support of their family, Open Study College has been operating since 2007.

Mark has decades of experience within the education industry, in particular distance learning. He is passionate about helping people better themselves and felt there could be so much more he could do to support learners, including

offering higher-quality courses and tutor support. Together with his daughter, he decided to sacrifice a senior career, sell the family home and put everything into setting up Open Study College. The college has continued to grow over the years, as we started to write more and more courses and the demand for more flexible education increased. We now have a fantastic team of 50, including knowledgeable and friendly student support and course advisers, plus a nationwide team of expert tutors.

Everyone's learning journey, whatever that may be, is personal, different, exciting and sometimes difficult. We know that we are in the privileged position of being the enablers of positive life-altering change. We are here to do what we can to help people achieve their goals and thrive in life - we are an expert, a friendly ear, a 24/7 support and your wildly enthusiastic cheerleader! We will empower you to move forward with your

goals and we will always have your best interests at the heart of what we do. We want to help you achieve your ambitions, and we will provide you with the excitement and encouragement you need throughout your journey with OSC.

**To find out more about OSC, watch this video**



# WHAT WE STAND FOR

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## OUR MANIFESTO

We believe in people. We believe in second chances, and new beginnings. We believe in those who have the courage to change, the courage to take a different path towards a brighter future. So let's do them proud. Helping them believe in their potential every single day. Giving them the confidence they need to be everything they can be, because independent learning is never done alone. We are all a part of it, and together, we can change lives.

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## VALUES

Here at Open Study College, we live by three values.



### AMBITION

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### EXCITEMENT

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### TOGETHERNESS





# WHY CHOOSE OSC?

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## TRUSTED QUALIFICATIONS

Accredited by nationally-recognised, independent examining bodies, including AQA and Edexcel, you can feel confident when studying towards your A Level qualification. Benchmarked against the highest of industry standards, our courses could open the door to university and beyond!

## FULL TUTOR SUPPORT

Throughout your study journey, you will be provided with a specialist tutor, who will offer unlimited expert support and guidance throughout your A Level studies.

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## EXTERNALLY VERIFIED

With the seal of approval granted by external associations such as the Open and Distance Learning Quality Council, you can feel confident that you are studying with one of the UK's largest and most trusted learning providers.

## STUDENT PERKS

Once you have enrolled with us, you will receive a FREE XO Student Discounts membership, allowing you to enjoy a variety of exclusive student discounts.

## MORE BENEFITS...

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### AFFORDABLE STUDY

Our affordable and competitive prices allow you to invest in your future without worry. We offer flexible monthly payment plans to enable you to spread the cost of learning across monthly, stress-free payments.

### FLEXIBILITY AND CONVENIENCE

You are in control of your learning. You decide when, where and how you study. Unlike other colleges, there is no schedule and deadline pressure. You can fit your course around your current lifestyle and finish in your own time.

### WIDE VARIETY OF COURSES

With a range of 20 A Level subjects to choose from, we have a variety of subjects to suit everyone, from Biology and Maths to Psychology and Business Studies.

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### CAREER SUPPORT

We are invested in you and your career, that's why when you enrol with OSC you'll get access to a whole host of benefits to help you get the career you dream of, including:

#### **Free CV critique service**

A strong CV that details your experience and education, including your OSC course, can help you land your dream job. This free service means you can get your CV reviewed with helpful pointers on what you could improve.

#### **Career guides**

We regularly write career guides for our website so you can find out more about various industries and how to get into certain jobs.

#### **Employability guide**

Whether you're applying for your first job, looking to jump back into the job market, or you just want to refresh your knowledge, our free employability guide will help.







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# HOW DISTANCE LEARNING WORKS

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**Studying your A Levels via distance learning simply takes location out of studying your course. You are still able to study a fully recognised and accredited qualification without actually having to attend school or college.**

You're in charge of your studies. This means you can study around your life commitments instead of fitting life around your learning. There are no scheduled classes to attend or a timetable to abide by. Our A Level courses are tailored for people who need to fit learning around their existing commitments. Specifically designed to be studied from home, we have made it easy to study around your busy schedule.

Our A Levels are independently accredited by established examination bodies including AQA, OCR and Edexcel. Each independent awarding body performs detailed, rigorous checks to ensure our courses meet their high standards.

Distance learning doesn't mean that you are on your own. Your dedicated, personal tutor is with you throughout your journey to offer unlimited support and advice when you need it. You'll have full access to our online support and tutor helpdesk and our student support team is just a phone call away.



# A LEVELS YOUR WAY

Our A Level courses provide a gateway to further academic study at university to help you achieve your dream career, or they could be a stepping stone to progressing in your career. Some learners enrol simply to study a subject they are interested in.

At OSC, we provide a wide range of A Level subjects to choose from, including:

- Accounting
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Economics
- English Language and Literature
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology

The A Level courses that we offer will give you exactly the same qualifications offered in schools and colleges around the country. The difference is that they are delivered flexibly, so you can study in your own time, at your own pace.

Once you enrol, you can choose to receive your study materials as a course pack or via an online e-learning course, whichever suits your learning style best. Either way, you'll be assigned a personal tutor to help you understand the process and achieve your best. Plus, there's back up from our friendly student support team too.



A background image showing a student from behind, looking at a laptop screen. The image is slightly blurred and has a blue tint. The student is wearing a dark jacket. The laptop screen shows some text and numbers, but it's not clear. The overall mood is focused and academic.

# EXAMS AND ASSESSMENTS

**A Levels are assessed primarily through examinations, and in some cases, coursework and/or practical sessions too, which are then combined to give a final grade. If you are planning to go on to higher education, this grade can then be translated into Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) points, with up to 56 points awarded per A Level.**

To help you achieve the best possible grade, our A Levels include learning activities and a number of tutor-marked assignments, providing you with detailed feedback to help you fine-tune your technique before taking your exams. Your assignments can also help your personal tutor to provide you with a predicted grade, where this is required, for your university application.

Where practical assessments form part of your A Level course, we can provide this at our partner centres. There is usually a choice of dates for these hands-on sessions, and they are always scheduled on non-working days. More information is included with the relevant courses on the following pages.

When you enrol with OSC, you can choose to add your exams (and practical assessments where applicable) onto your enrolment. If you choose this option, we will take care of booking and paying for your exams for you, allowing you to concentrate on your studies.

# A LEVEL ACCOUNTING

Qualification code: **7127**

Examining body: **AQA**

Thinking of studying a finance degree or furthering your knowledge of accounting?

This A Level Accounting course covers the essential topics you need to gain a solid foundation of knowledge in accounting to prepare you for university and beyond.

This course is ideal if you're hoping to one day work in accounting or business management.

During this course, you will study the following topics:

- Introduction to financial accounting
- Introduction to financial statements
- Introduction to management accounting
- Financial statements for limited companies
- Analysing and interpreting financial information

To achieve this qualification, you'll need to sit two paper-based exams.

[Find out more about our A Level Accounting course here.](#)



# A LEVEL BIOLOGY

Qualification code: **7402**

Examining body: **AQA**

Study the science behind life with our A Level Biology course. You'll expand your knowledge of biological subject areas such as DNA, homeostasis, evolution, and gene technologies.

You'll gain the knowledge you need to prepare for a future career in the medical field and the university studies you'll undertake to get you there, whether you want to work in medicine, midwifery, pharmaceuticals, or veterinary science, this course will help you get on track.

During this course, you will study the following topics:

- Biological molecules
- Cells
- Organisms exchange substances with their environment
- Genetic information, variation and relationships between organisms
- Energy transfers in and between organisms
- Organisms respond to changes in their internal and external environments
- Genetics, population, evolution and ecosystems
- The control of gene expression

To achieve this qualification, you must complete three paper-based exams and four practical sessions.

[Find out more about our A Level Biology course here.](#)





# A LEVEL BUSINESS STUDIES

Qualification code: **9BS0**

Examining body: **Edexcel**

Explore business theories and concepts including the marketing mix, resource management, setting business objectives, and globalisation. This A Level Business Studies course will give you the knowledge you need to understand how businesses work and take your studies to the next level.

This course is ideal for anyone looking at studying a business-related degree at university, whether that's marketing, business management, finance, event or human resources. You'll gain valuable knowledge that will come in useful time and time again in your future studies and career.

During this course, you will study the following topics:

- Marketing and people
- Managing business activities
- Business decisions and strategy
- Global business

To achieve your A Level Business Studies qualification, you'll need to complete three paper-based exams.

[Find out more about this A Level here.](#)



# A LEVEL CHEMISTRY

Qualification code: **7405**

Examining body: **AQA**

Did you know chemistry comes in useful in a wide range of careers? It's more than just memorising the periodic table.

The things you'll learn during your A Level Chemistry studies will support careers such as engineering, scientific research, medicine, environmental science and health and social care.

This course will teach you the difference between organic and inorganic chemistry, the theory behind thermodynamics, and allow you to explore halogenoalkanes, carboxylic acids, and organic synthesis.

During this course, you will study the following topics:

- Physical chemistry
- Inorganic chemistry
- Organic chemistry

To achieve your A Level qualification, you'll need to complete three paper-based exams and four practical assessments.

[Find out more about our A Level Chemistry here.](#)



# A LEVEL CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

Qualification code: **H408**

Examining body: **OCR**

A Level Classical Civilisation is the study of ancient Greek and Roman culture, philosophy, mythology, literature and society. During your studies, you'll explore the creation and function of Greek vases, the evolution of Greek sculptures, and the themes behind Greek religion. You will also delve into classical texts Homer's Iliad and Odyssey and Virgil's Aeneid.

The knowledge and skills gained during your A Level Classical Civilisation studies, provide you with a solid foundation for degree-level studies or careers in business, marketing, politics, and law, as well as historical areas such as archaeology, curation, or teaching.

During this course, you will study the following topics:

- Beliefs and ideas: Greek religion
- Culture and arts: Greek art
- The world of the hero

To achieve your A Level qualification, you'll need to complete three paper-based exams.

[Find out more about our A Level Classical Civilisation here.](#)



# A LEVEL ECONOMICS

Qualification code: **9ECO**

Examining body: **Edexcel**

Syllabus:

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With this A Level Economics course, you'll develop your knowledge and understanding of key economic concepts and models, and how to apply this knowledge. You'll learn more about how markets work, measures of economic performance, business growth, and international economics such as emerging and developing economies.

This course is ideal for anyone thinking of studying a degree in business, finance, economics, and politics and pursuing a career related to these areas.

During this course, you will study the following topics:

- Introduction to markets and market failure
- The UK economy – performance and policies
- Business behaviour and the labour market
- A global perspective

To achieve your A Level qualification, you'll need to complete three paper-based exams.

[Find out more about our A Level Economics here.](#)





# A LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Qualification code: **9ELO**

Examining body: **Edexcel**

During your A Level English Language and Literature studies, you'll delve into how spoken and written voices are formed to create a persona. You will also learn how writers use language techniques to create their work and communicate their ideas. Texts you will study during this course include All My Sons by Arthur Miller, Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte, and The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde.

This A Level English Language and Literature course is perfect for anyone thinking of studying a degree in English literature, journalism, and education. Related careers for this course include teaching, editing, journalism, marketing, broadcasting and more!

During this course, you will study the following topics:

- Voices in speech and writing
- Varieties in language and literature
- Coursework

To achieve your A Level qualification, you'll need to complete two paper-based exams and two pieces of coursework.

[Find out more about our A Level English Language and Literature here.](#)



# A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

Qualification code: **9ET0**

Examining body: **Edexcel**

When studying this A Level English Literature course, you'll develop your understanding of Shakespeare's works, pre-1900 prose fiction texts, and post-2000 poetry, and much more! You'll improve your written communication and analytical thinking skills, while also learning how to build a compelling argument.

This A Level English Literature course is perfect for anyone thinking of studying a degree in English literature, journalism, and education. Related careers for this course include marketing, public relations, teaching, editing, journalism, and broadcasting.

During this course, you will study the following topics:

- Drama
- Prose
- Poetry
- Coursework

To achieve your A Level qualification, you'll need to complete three paper-based exams and one piece of coursework.

[Find out more about our A Level English Literature here.](#)



# A LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Qualification code: **7447**

Examining body: **AQA**

Do you want to learn more about the science that affects the environment? This Environmental Science A Level course will teach you more about the conditions for life on earth, the sustainability of energy resources and agriculture, strategies to control pollutants, and biogeochemical cycles. You will also have the opportunity to complete fieldwork based on a range of habitats in Lincolnshire to further develop your understanding.

Suitable degrees once you have successfully completed your A Level Environmental Science course include environment science, ecology, microbiology, law, geography, and conservation to name a few. Beyond university, potential future careers for A Level Environmental Science students include in-demand careers such as environmental specialists, landfill engineers, nuclear waste management, and hydrogeologists.

During this course, you will study the following topics:

- The living environment
- The physical environment
- Energy resources
- Pollution
- Biological resources
- Sustainability
- Research methods

To achieve your A Level qualification, you'll need to complete two paper-based exams.

[Find out more about our A Level Environmental Science here.](#)





# A LEVEL FURTHER MATHS

Qualification code: **7367**

Examining body: **AQA**

During this A Level Further Maths course, you'll take your mathematical knowledge to the next level and develop your understanding in areas such as algebra, hyperbolic functions, vectors, linear programming, centres of mass, and dimension analysis.

Learners studying A Level Further Maths have a variety of degrees to choose from once they have successfully completed their course, including degrees in maths, engineering, sciences, geography and computer science.

You'll gain skills relevant to future careers in areas such as engineering, data, IT, finance, architecture and teaching.

During this course, you will study the following mathematical topics:

- Pure
- Discrete
- Mechanics

To achieve your A Level Further Maths qualification, you'll need to complete three paper-based exams.

[Find out more about this A Level here.](#)





# A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

Qualification code: **9GE0**

Examining body: **Edexcel**

Studying this A Level Geography course will give you the opportunity to explore geographical subjects including tectonic hazards such as earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions; glacial processes of erosion, transport and deposition; how political and economic decisions are accelerating globalisation; and the role water plays in supporting life on earth.

After completing your Geography A Level, you could progress to study a degree in subjects such as global studies, geography, environmental sciences, politics, economics and sciences. Potential future careers could include travel and tourism, environmental management, civil engineering, agriculture, and horticulture.

During this course, you will study the following geographical topics:

- Tectonic processes and hazards
- Glaciated landscapes and change
- Globalisation
- Regenerating places
- The water cycle and water insecurity
- The carbon cycle and energy security
- Superpowers
- Health, human rights and intervention

To achieve your A Level Geography qualification, you'll need to complete three paper-based exams and one piece of coursework.

[Find out more about this A Level here.](#)



# A LEVEL HISTORY

Qualification code: **9H10**

Examining body: **Edexcel**

During this A Level History course, you'll study the key political, social, and economic features of the communist rule in twentieth century Russia; the transformation of communist China and the effects on China today; and the relationship between authority and mass agitation in England.

After completing your History A Level, you could progress to study a degree in subjects such as geography, history, philosophy, sociology, politics, or archaeology. Future careers that are relevant to the history subject include public services, law, tourism, conservation, and curation.

During this course, you will study the following historical topics:

- Russia 1917-1991: from Lenin to Yeltsin
- Mao's China 1949-1976
- Protest, agitation and parliamentary reform in Britain 1780-1928
- The Cold War, its development and its demise 1945-1990

To achieve your A Level qualification, you'll need to complete three paper-based exams and one piece of coursework.

[Find out more about our A Level History here.](#)



# A LEVEL LAW

Qualification code: **7162**

Examining body: **AQA**

Would you love to learn more about the legal system? This A Level Law course will allow you to explore the difference between types of criminal offences, how laws are made, how the legal system is structured and the theory behind tort law. You'll also choose between two optional units depending on what interests you the most.

Learners who complete this course could go on to study law at university, as well as other degrees such as business, politics, criminology, or sociology. Beyond university, not only will the skills and knowledge gained during your A Level Law studies be useful in a career as a solicitor, legal secretary or barrister, but also in areas including law enforcement, business, public services, and human resources.

During this course, you will study the following legal topics:

- The nature of law and English legal system (mandatory)
- Criminal law (mandatory)
- Tort (mandatory)
- Law of contract (optional)
- Human rights (optional)

To achieve your A Level qualification, you'll need to complete three paper-based exams.

[Find out more about our A Level Law here.](#)



# A LEVEL MATHS

Qualification code: **7357**

Examining body: **AQA**

During this A Level Maths course, you'll develop your mathematical knowledge and understanding in areas such as trigonometry, sequences, distribution, kinematics and forces.

Learners studying A Level Maths can choose from a variety of degrees once they have successfully completed their course, including degrees in maths, engineering, sciences, geography and computer science.

You'll gain skills relevant to future careers in areas such as engineering, data, IT, finance, architecture and teaching.

During this course, you will study the following mathematical topics:

- Pure maths
- Discrete
- Mechanics

To achieve your A Level Maths qualification, you'll need to complete three paper-based exams.

[Find out more about this A Level here.](#)





# A LEVEL PHILOSOPHY

Qualification code: **7172**

Examining body: **AQA**

Studying this A Level Philosophy course will allow you to explore philosophical topics such as epistemology, the theory of knowledge; the similarities and differences between utilitarianism, Kantian deontological ethics, and Aristotelian virtue ethics; arguments relating to the existence of God; and the dualist theories of substance dualism and property dualism.

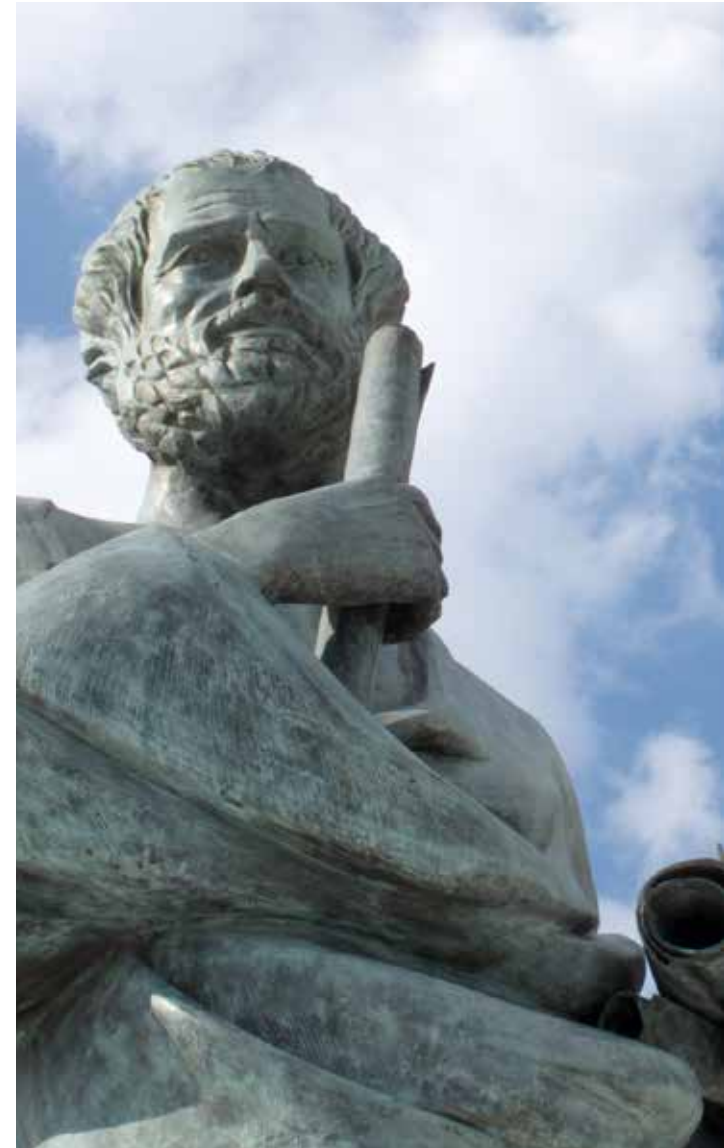
After completing your A Level Philosophy course, you could progress to study a degree in philosophy, politics, theology, psychology, and music. Potential careers for learners who have studied A Level Philosophy include civil services, law, consulting, business, human resources, or as a chaplain.

During this course, you will study the following philosophical topics:

- Epistemology
- Moral philosophy
- Metaphysics of God
- Metaphysics of mind

To achieve your A Level Philosophy qualification, you'll need to complete two paper-based exams.

[Find out more about this A Level here.](#)



# A LEVEL PHYSICS

Qualification code: **7408**

Examining body: **AQA**

When you study A Level Physics, you'll delve into the fundamental theories in physics such as particle interactions, progressive waves, Newton's law of motion, and the doppler effect to name a few.

The skills and knowledge gained during your A Level Physics studies are ideal for learners looking to pursue a degree in engineering, science, computing, geography, and maths. Beyond university, you could consider careers mechanical, aerodynamic or civil engineering, energy, and information technology.

During this course, you will study the following topics:

- Measurements and their errors
- Particles and radiation
- Waves
- Mechanics and materials
- Electricity
- Further mechanics and thermal physics
- Fields and their consequences
- Nuclear physics Rutherford scattering
- Astrophysics

To achieve your A Level Physics qualification, you'll need to complete three paper-based exams and four practical assessments.

[Find out more about this A Level here.](#)



# A LEVEL POLITICS

Qualification code: **9PLO**

Examining body: **Edexcel**

This A Level Politics course gives you an in-depth insight into the core political ideas within UK politics: liberalism, conservatism, and socialism. You'll also explore political ideas that are present within the UK such as anarchism, feminism, ecologism, multiculturalism, and nationalism, as well as gaining an understanding of how the government and politics in the USA compares to politics in the UK and Europe.

A Level Politics is a great starting point for learners looking to study a degree in politics, law, journalism, or business. After university, A Level Politics students may consider a career in politics, law, journalism, teaching, or business management.

During this course, you will study the following political topics:

- UK politics and core political ideas
- UK government and optional political ideas
- Comparative politics – government and politics of the USA

To achieve your A Level Politics qualification, you'll need to complete three paper-based exams.

[Find out more about this A Level here.](#)





# A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

Qualification code: **7182**

Examining body: **AQA**

During this A Level Psychology course, you'll delve into psychological concepts such as types of conformity in social settings; the behavioural, emotional, and cognitive characteristics of phobia, depression and OCD; and the divisions of the nervous system. You will also have the chance to choose between three optional areas of study to suit your areas of interest.

As a subject, A Level Psychology feeds into many different areas and will come in useful for a wide variety of degrees including marketing, criminology, education, publishing, social sciences, and business, as well as specialist psychology degrees such as child psychology, clinical psychology, forensic psychology, and sport psychology.

During this course, you will study the following psychological topics:

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Approaches in psychology
- Biopsychology
- Psychopathology
- Research methods
- Issues and debates in psychology
- Relationships, gender, and cognition and development (option 1)
- Schizophrenia, eating behaviour, and stress (option 2)
- Aggression, forensic psychology, and addiction (option 3)

To achieve your A Level Psychology qualification, you'll need to complete three paper-based exams.

[Find out more about this A Level here.](#)





# A LEVEL RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Qualification code: **7062**

Examining body: **AQA**

Explore the Christian religion with our A Level Religious Studies course and learn more about arguments for the existence of God, issues of both human and animal life and death, key moral principles, and sources of wisdom and authority.

This A Level Religious Studies course is ideal for anyone considering studying a degree in subject areas like travel and tourism, childcare and education, law, health and social care, or the arts. The skills and knowledge gained during your studies will also come in useful for careers in social work, healthcare, education, leisure and tourism, or a guide in a museum or visitor attraction.

During this course, you will study the following topics relating to Christianity:

- Philosophy of religion
- Ethics and religion
- An in-depth study of Christianity

To achieve your A Level Religious Studies qualification, you'll need to complete two paper-based exams.

[Find out more about this A Level here.](#)



# A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

Qualification code: **7192**

Examining body: **AQA**

When you choose to study an A Level Sociology course with us, you'll delve into learning more about the role and functions of the education system and the relationships within schools, as well as issues around crime, deviance, social order and social control. You'll also choose between option one which covers topics surrounding culture and identity; families and households; health; and work, poverty and welfare, or option two which includes beliefs in society; global development; the media; and stratification and differentiation.

This A Level Sociology course is ideal if you're looking at studying a degree in social sciences, psychology, education, social work, criminology, and human resources to name a few. Learners may find that the skills and knowledge they have gained during their A Level Sociology studies helpful if they are considering a career

in counselling, healthcare, social work, childcare, education, and even business functions such as marketing or human resources.

During this course, you will study the following sociological topics:

- Education
- Crime and deviance
- Topics in sociology option 1: culture and identity; families and households; health; work, poverty, and welfare
- Topics in sociology option 2: beliefs in society; global development; the media; and stratification and differentiation

To achieve your A Level Sociology qualification, you'll need to complete three paper-based exams.

[Find out more about this A Level here.](#)



# FAQS

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## ARE YOUR A LEVELS THE SAME QUALIFICATION AS AN A LEVEL I WOULD ACHIEVE AT A SCHOOL OR COLLEGE?

Yes – you will study the same course, take the same examinations and get the same qualification. The only difference is that our courses are designed to be studied from home at your own pace, and you will receive full tutor support via email.



## WHAT PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE DO I NEED TO ENROL ONTO AN A LEVEL COURSE?

For some courses, we recommend you have a GCSE of grade 4 (equivalent to a grade C) or higher in the subject you are studying, however this is not compulsory.

If you're unsure or have any questions, our student advisers will be more than happy to help you find the right A Level(s) for you and your ambitions.



## WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST OF YOUR A LEVEL COURSES?

When you enrol on an A Level course with OSC, you will receive:

- Dedicated personal tutor support with unlimited email access.
- Dedicated student support from our student services team.
- Course materials with learning activities.
- Assignment marking and feedback from your personal tutor.
- A predicted grade on completion of your tutor marked assignments, if required for your university application.
- A free CV writing service and employability guide if you're focusing on career advancement.
- A free Student Discounts membership to save you money on your favourite brands.
- A study pack including a pen, study planner and notebook\*.
- If you choose to add exams to your enrolment with an A Level package, then your exam fees will be included. We will also handle the booking on your behalf. Otherwise, we can refer you to one of our partner exam centres located throughout the UK so you can book your exam yourself.
- If applicable to your course, you can also opt to add your practical assessments to your enrolment. If you choose this option, we will book and pay for your practical assessments for you.
- If your course requires you to complete coursework to achieve your final mark, then the submission and assessment of this will be included when you select a course package that includes exams. If you select a course-only option, we can arrange your coursework marking for you for an additional fee.

*\* Not included with the online study option*

## MORE FAQs

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### ? IS THERE A REQUIRED READING LIST FOR MY A LEVEL COURSE?

For some A Levels, you will be required to carry out further reading as part of your studies. Where this is a requirement, the reading list will be included on the course page on our website and is detailed in your course materials.

We always recommend that you carry out your own research on your chosen topic using the internet.

### ? DO I HAVE TO SIT AN EXAM?

Yes, in order to achieve your A Level qualification, you must complete the exams required by the course's exam board. A Level exams take place during the summer exam period which typically falls in May and June each year.

You can choose to add your exams to your enrolment with us, in which case we will book and pay for your exams for you when you are ready. Alternatively, if you choose the course only option, you will be responsible for booking and paying for your exams which can be done directly with your local exam centre.

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### ? IF THERE IS A PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT IN MY COURSE, DO I NEED TO COMPLETE THIS?

It is possible for learners to receive their A Level qualification without completing the practical assessment, although this will be noted on your certificate which could affect your university application. In some cases, a percentage of marks in the written exams are allocated to your ability to demonstrate that you have some knowledge of the required practical skills. We therefore strongly advise you to take your practical assessments.

### ? ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS?

If you select the course only option when enrolling on your A Level, you will need to book directly with the exam centre and pay for your exams and any required practical assessments yourself. We highly recommend researching your options before enrolling as costs can vary between centres. However, if you choose to add your exams and practical assessments (where applicable) to your enrolment, we will take care of booking and paying for your exams for you when you are ready.

### ? WHAT IF I LIVE OUTSIDE THE UK?

You are still able to study our A Level courses abroad, however you must sit your exams within the UK at an official exam centre.

### ? WHAT HAPPENS IF I LOSE OR DAMAGE MY COURSE PACK?

We offer a course replacement service which ensures that, if your course pack is lost or damaged during your studies, we can issue you with a new set of materials for a one-time additional fee. This is available by calling our student support team on **03303 114092**.

### WHAT DO I DO IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

We are here to help, so please contact our student advisers on

**03303 114 092**

Or email our team on  
[info@openstudycollege.com](mailto:info@openstudycollege.com)



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